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## JUDGE FACES

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ing arrest and assault against Buras.

Sgt. Robert Frey, vice squad commander, kept the motel room under surveillance for several hours Wednesday night before launching the raid.

Sgt. Nolan said officers found "stag" movies being shown and live entertainment being conducted. He did not elaborate.

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# *Judge Faces Assault Charge*

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Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. of Criminal District Court was booked with assaulting three police officers Wednesday night following a police vice squad raid on a "stag show" in a room of the DeVille Motel, 3800 Tulane Ave.

**Vice squad officers broke up an alleged handbook operation when they walked into the dimly lit motel room. They charged Victor M. Soto Jr., 926 E. William David Pkwy. with four counts of gambling.**

Soto was also booked for assaulting a policeman and resisting arrest.

An undetermined number of persons, including three shapely women, were in the room when vice squad officers entered shortly after 9 p. m.

Judge Haggerty and the others arrested in the raid were booked on a charge of conspiring to commit obscenity.

There was a $5 admission fee to the room, police said.

Police information officer Sgt. William Nolan said several witnesses were being interviewed to determine the disposition of other charges.

The names of the others arrested were not immediately available.

**Police said Judge Haggerty tried to flee the room when vice squad officers walked in but he was stopped as he ran through the door. The judge became violent when officers tried to make him return to the room.**

**A struggle followed between Haggerty and police and the judge was finally subdued by two officers who wrestled him to the floor and handcuffed him.**

He received a slight cut on his forehead during the fracas.

Officers involved in the struggle with Haggerty were Ptn. Richard Siegel, Ptn. Robert Pence and Det. Frank Buras.

Soto was charged with resist-

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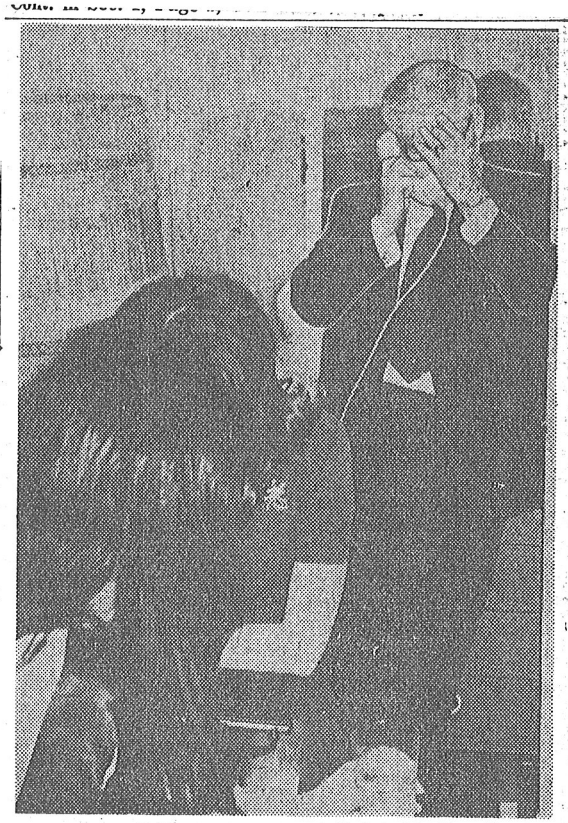

—Photo by The Times-Picayune.

**COVERING his face as he makes a phone call from the DeVille Motel Wednesday night is Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty, who was arrested and booked with assaulting three police officers when they raided a room at the motel while, police said, a "stag show" was in progress. Women in foreground are unidentified.**